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In response to the applicant's previous request for the prior art Levy article relied upon by the examiner in the prima facie office action, the applicant was informed that the Levy reference was missing from the file. As previously communicated to the applicant, the examiner has been unable to obtain this reference. Accordingly, the rejection of elected claims 25-30 has been withdrawn.

There are several addition papers missing from the file. The applicant is requested to resubmit pages 1-4 of Amendment A (filed 3-11-03). If these pages do not include claims 25-30, claims 25-30 should be resubmitted as well. In addition, the applicant is requested to resubmit the articles cited on page 5 of this same amendment.

Upon response to this request, the applicant's file will be given priority status.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard C Weisberger whose telephone number is 703 308 4408. The examiner can normally be reached on Wednesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vince Millin can be reached on 703 308 1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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